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REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended. Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Accordingly, claims 1, 2 and 5-26 are now pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitation of objected claim 4 and intervening claim 3. Amended claim 1 is therefore believed to be allowable as previously indicated by the Examiner. Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled in consequence.

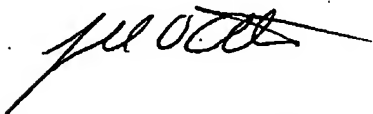
Claim 2 depends from amended claim 1. Claim 5 has been amended to change the dependency to claim 1. Claims 6 and 7 remain as originally filed and still depend from claim 1. These dependent claims should be allowable in view of the amendments to claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the currently pending claims are allowable, and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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